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1. In early July 1951 the Soviet troops stationed at Port Arthur were being increased to three "divisional groups", altogether about 100,000 men.¹ Naval, ground and air force officers of flag rank were constantly to be seen in the streets, and ceremonial occasions were normally attended by more than thirty generals.
2. The Port Arthur naval dockyard was operating at high speed, with more than 10,000 workmen. The latter were confined within the plants and not allowed to leave, so that the kind of work been done in the dockyard was known to very few people.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] in April 1951 there were 61,000 Soviet troops, including security troops, in Manchuria (including the Kwantung Peninsula).

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